

LUD 5664 (10017134)

REMARKS

In the advisory action, the examiner indicated that the amendment after final rejection would not be entered because claim 14 required further search, and raised written description and enablement issues.

Applicants vigorously disagree. Attention is drawn to claim 1 as presented and examined, which embraced methods which any STAT transcription factor was stimulated. Presumably, this claim was examined, and found free of the art. The claim at issue, i.e., claim 14, depended from claim 13, which required expression of STAT 3, plus at least one additional factor. Is this not under the rubric of original claim 1?

In order to expedite prosecution, however, claim 14 is canceled and is not re-presented in this amendment; however, it is applicants position that claim 22, as written, covers stimulation of any of the STAT transcription factors, as long as STAT 3 is stimulated. The claim language is crystal clear on this point.

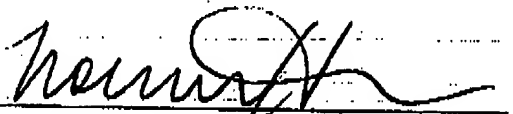
The claims have been re-numbered, as requested. Claims 30-32 present subject matter which the examiner has expressly indicated is allowable.

This application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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